

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:

a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;

a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket; [[and]]

a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and base member;  
and

a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The caddy of Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the base member is slidable in a substantially horizontal direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the ~~base member coupling~~ comprises a slot and the mounting bracket comprises a bolt extending through the slot and movable along the slot bolt extending through the mounting bracket and a slot in the base member in which the bolt is slidable, wherein the base member is pivotable around the bolt.

Claims 5-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): The caddy of Claim [[6]] 1, wherein the base member is rotatable around a substantially vertical axis when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

Claim 8 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is slidably mounted on the base member.

Claim 9 (original): The caddy of Claim 8, wherein the cradle member is slidable in a substantially vertical direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

Claim 10 (original): The caddy of Claim 9, wherein the cradle member contains a hollow section that slides over a substantially vertical section of the base member and allows the cradle member to telescope on the substantially vertical section of the base member.

Claim 11 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is generally U-shaped.

Claim 12 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member comprises an elastic liner.

Claim 13 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.

Claim 14 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap is detachable.

Claim 15 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises an elastic material.

Claim 16 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises holes for receiving pegs extending from the cradle member.

Claim 17 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

Claim 18 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

Claims 19-34 (canceled)

Claim 35 (currently amended): A hunting apparatus comprising:

a support structure; and

at least one caddy for supporting a weapon mounted on the support structure, wherein the at least one caddy is ~~movable to a retracted position toward the support structure and an extended position away from the support structure~~ comprises:

a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;

a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket;  
a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member  
which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and  
base member; and  
a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured  
and arranged for supporting the weapon.

Claim 36 (original): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

Claim 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended): The hunting apparatus of Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

Claim 39 (original): The hunting apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the mechanical fastener comprises a bolt extending through a hole in the mounting bracket and a nut threaded on the bolt.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The hunting apparatus of Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35, wherein the mounting bracket is welded on the support structure.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The hunting apparatus of Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35, wherein the mounting bracket is rotatably mounted on the support structure.

Claims 42-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): The hunting apparatus of Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35, wherein the cradle member is slidably mounted on the base member.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The hunting apparatus of Claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35, further comprising an elastic strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.